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Bold Alligator 2012 to Conduct a Nighttime Amphibious Raid on Ft. Story

NORFOLK, Va. - - More than 100 Marines operating from Navy ships offshore will take part in a night training raid against targets at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Ft. Story Feb. 5, as part of a certification exercise (CERTEX) for Amphibious Squadron 8 (PHIBRON 8) and the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (24 MEU).

The CERTEX is part of Bold Alligator 2012 (BA12), the east coast's largest joint and multinational amphibious assault exercise in the past 10 years.

The nighttime raid, coordinated by the II Marine Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group, will feature a Marine Corps motorized rifle company amphibious landing at Ft. Story before proceeding to a simulated village in order to identify and disrupt hostile forces in the area. The raid will utilize highly-trained role players to provide the most realistic training scenario possible.

The purpose of BA12 is to revitalize Navy/Marine Corps amphibious expeditionary tactics, techniques and procedures and reinvigorate its culture of conducting combined Navy/Marine Corps operations from the sea.

BA 12 is a live and synthetic, scenario-driven, simulation-supported exercise designed to train Expeditionary Strike Group 2 (ESG 2), 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade (2d MEB) and Carrier Strike Group 12. Staffs will plan and execute a MEB-sized amphibious assault from a seabase in a medium land-and-maritime threat environment and anti-access/area denial (A2/AD) environment to improve naval amphibious core competencies.

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NOTE: Media wishing to cover the nighttime amphibious raid at Fort Story should contact Chief Mass Communication Specialist Johnny Michael (johnny.michael@navy.mil) at (757)

836-4426 or (757) 354-7153 no later than, Fri., Feb 3 at 6 p.m. Advance notification is required for access to the Fort Story.

There will be a general media availability within the simulated village. When the raid begins, media will be moved to the beach to witness the landing before proceeding to an observation point near the village. The overall timeframe for the event is estimated at four hours.

Media are encouraged to bring still and video camera equipment for the purposes of capturing interviews, but due to the low-light nature of the night-time raid they will be offered prime cuts from the photographers and videographers of Expeditionary Combat Camera(ECC) who will record the entire raid utilizing low-light lenses.